## <u>House Bill 449 – Family Law – Marriage – Licenses</u> and Records

## **Introduced by Delegate Sandy Bartlett**

I, Elizabeth "Betsy" Cerulo, as the Co-Founder of the Maryland LGBT Chamber of Commerce, fully support the changes that this bill is requesting to replace the term "husband" with Party One and "wife" with Party Two.

As a person being in a same sex marriage, utilizing husband and wife, is obsolete given that now two women or two men are legally recognized as a married couple.

We also recommend that Party 1 and Party 2 also be added to birth certificates given that same sex marriages have children.

Thank you for your consideration.

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